

Are you called to be an Augustinian *Friar*?



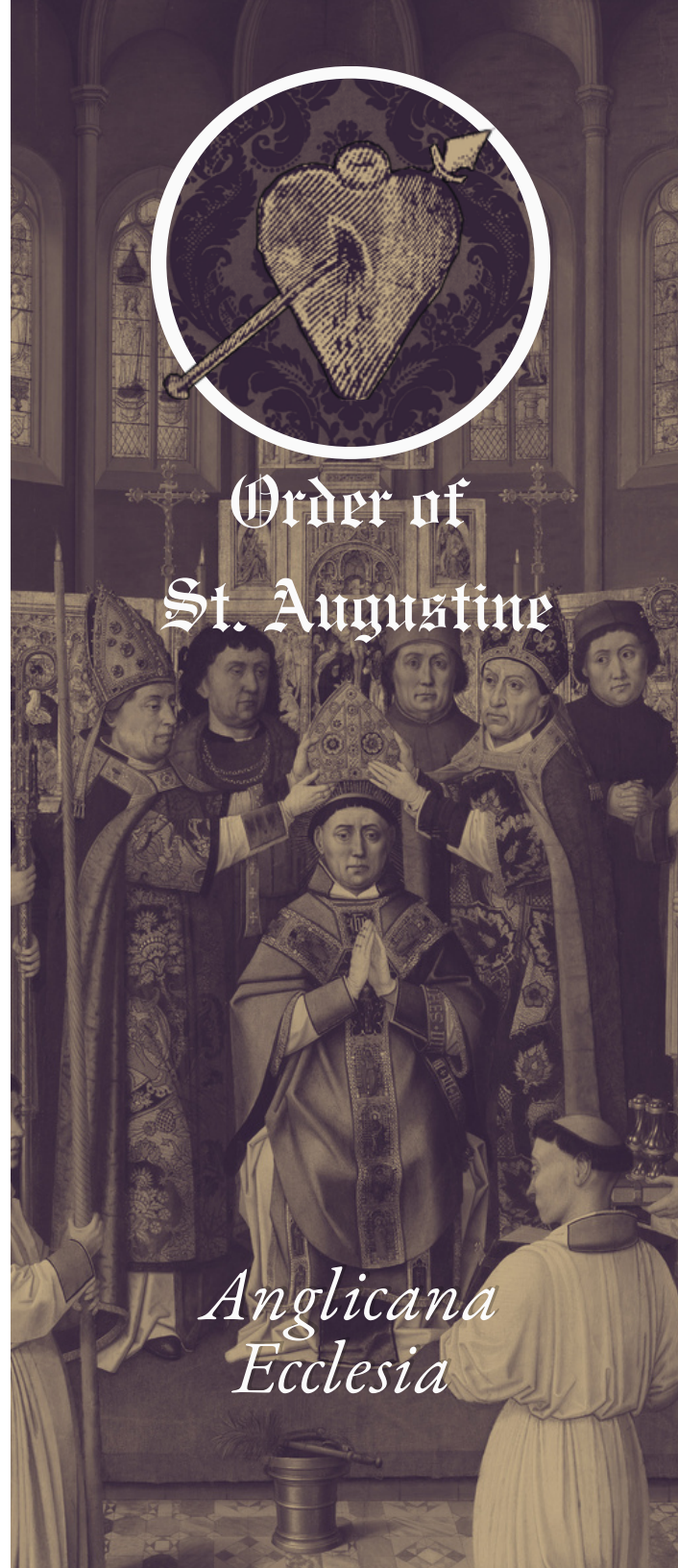
A life of *prayer, contemplation, simplicity, charity, and humility* under the Rule of St. Augustine of Hippo

Our first community is in Roanoke, VA, Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, with one brother under vows as of Dec. 13, 2025.

We are looking for men who are ready to consecrate themselves to the religious life!

We are not a dispersed group, this is a prospective *community of friars* centered on the life of the church joined together following the spirit of St. Augustine.

"First, the reason for which you are gathered into one is that you may dwell of one mind in the house, and that there be for you one soul and one heart in God." (Reg. Chp. i)



Formation in the *Catholic Tradition*



Spiritual Formation:

Taking the vows of *Poverty, Chastity, and Obedience*, under the Rule of our blessed father St. Augustine, the man takes up the cross of the religious to imitate the life of Christ, for Christ, in service to the Church. The routine of the Holy Mass, the Divine Office, Lectio Divina, and Mental Prayer is the new way he has entered into, that he “*may attend upon the Lord without distraction.*” (I Cor. 7:35)

Intellectual Formation:

The intellectual life is important in the life of any friar. Whether it be Philosophy, Theology, or the language arts, all of these serve to elevate the mind to the divine. The brothers are expected to be taken up in the exercise of their minds with daily reading and the studies assigned them.

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A Vocation for All Ages



In every age the church has provided a means for men and women, who are called by God, to especially devote themselves to a life of constant religion. Do you seek that kind of life?

The world, its vanity, and all things that are fading, prompt us to consider the eternal good from which they derive, and this is God. “*What if*”, says man, “*I could have the Lord be my portion? What if I could only seek his face, and have my heart knit to his?*”



St. Augustine says, “*Dico vitam mortalem, an mortalem vitalem?*” “Shall I call it a dying life, or a living death?” The life of a friar is one of a perpetual mortification. Ever dying to sin, they are ever-living in Christ. It is from a desire of wanting nothing but that *vera vita*, i.e., that true life, that leads us to live entirely for Christ in the bosom of the church.



All Christians are called to a kind of “living death,” but for those who are called to something deeper, there is a change of habit from the secular life to the devoted religious. Are you called?



The Opera Dei for Friars?



The work of any brother is chiefly the life of prayer, as the *work of God* requires the *grace of God*. From this, friars come to know God, His faith, and insights into the spiritual life. They are called to be teachers, priests, guides, and exemplars for the church.

Our holy father, St. Augustine, said “*et vae tacentibus de te*” which is “*and woe unto those who are silent of thee!*” (Conf. Bk. I, Chp. iv). The friars thus must live their entire lives, in thought, word, and deed, to be a continual telling forth of the Lord Jesus Christ.